(b) whether Government are aware of the damage and decay of the Mazar;

(c) what steps are being taken to renovate the Mazar and give this leader of the first war of Independence a befitting memorial; and

(d) whether Government have made any plans to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the 1857 war of Independence in Rangoon to pay tribute to the last Mughal Emperor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Bahadur Shah Zafar Mazar is maintained by the Government of Myanmar. The Embassy of India in Rangoon regularly assists in the maintenance and renovation of the Mazar.

(d) Government of India has constituted a Committee of Group of Ministers under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the 1857 War of Independence. The programme of celebrations will be drawn up by this Committee in due course.

Strategy to eliminate unemployment

3179. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that from 1991 to 2001 the number of jobless jumped from 14 million to nearly 45 million;

(b) if so, whether these figures are based on registered unemployed with the Employment Exchanges all over the country;

(c) if so, the broad categories of such unemployed persons and what measures Government are adopting to gradually engage them in some kind of gainful activities; and

(d) what is the long-term strategy to eliminate unemployment in rural and urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) As per the information available from 1991

and 2001 census, number of persons seeking/available for work (among the non workers) in the country excluding Jammu & Kashmir has gone up from 13.8 million in 1991 to 44.5 in 2001. However, the census does not have a precise definition of unemployment. Non-workers seeking/available for work as a category may not necessarily correspond to the definition of unemployment.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government is targeting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the Tenth Plan Period. Out of these, around 3 crore employment opportunities will come from normal growth process and remaining 2 crore through special employment generation programmes. The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan has laid emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors, which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints, which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention has been paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities, which have a large employment potential.

Assistance to agricultural labourers in Madhya Pradesh

†3180. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes in operation in Madhya Pradesh for providing assistance to the agricultural labourers in case of accidents;

(b) whether any grant is provided by the Central Government for the same; and

(c) the decision taken by the Central Government regarding the continuity of Centrally sponsored Agriculture Social Security Scheme, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Indira Krishi Shramik Durghatna Kshatipurti Yojana-1982 is in operation in Madhya Pradesh for providing assistance to the agricultural labourers in case of accidents.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.